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SUBJECT: EAC MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2008

REF: A. SARAJEVO 1655
[1](#)B. SARAJEVO 1803

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Reasons 1.4 (b and d)

[1](#)1. (U) The core EAC met on December 19, 2008 to discuss threat information against FSO Raffi Gregorian, seconded as Principal Deputy High Representative at OHR. The meeting was chaired by the A/DCM and was attended by RSO, Legatt, OPA, ADMIN, POL, DAO, RAO, and AID.

[1](#)2. (U) On December 18, 2008, the newspaper Dnevni Avaz recieved a letter from an unknown group, Serb Revenge, postmarked Evanston, Illinois, which stated that "The person who liquidates that American coyote and fascist Gregorian will get two million dollars from our organization SO (Srpska Osveta - Serb Revenge)". The newspaper published the letter on the front page on December 19, 2008, under a large font headline "Offer for Two Million Dollars to Liquidate Raffi Gregorian?". Early indications are that the letter is from an individual, who is portraying himself as a group and who has no means to fulfill his threats. Nor does he have the means to pay others to carry out the act defined in his letter. OPA released a press statement stating same and condemning the threat.

[1](#)3. (C) The suspected letter writer is a person of interest in a current FBI investigation involving threatening letters sent to numerous officials in the Balkans. Legatt is following up with FBI Chicago Field Office. Bosnian police are conducting DNA and fingerprint analysis on previous letters suspected to be from Subject - results pending. Bosnian police provided photocopies of 13 previous letters and fingerprints for comparision with letters currently in possession of FBI CFO. Note: RSO departs Sarajevo enroute Chicago for R and R on 12/20/08. She will hand carry the evidence and liaise directly with FBI CFO.

[1](#)4. (S/NF) RSO briefed the EAC on Gregorian's current security profile and steps taken to increase his personal security, as follows: Gregorian currently has an FSN portal-to-portal protective detail, armed with 9mm Glocks and Colt SMGs. His motorcade consists of a fully armored limo and suburban. His residence meets all standards for this high crime post, with alarm, panic button, and safehaven. He has a ballistic vest at his residence and one in the limo. Due to his status with OHR, there is a one-man static local police post in front of his residence, which is manned 24/7. For at least the next two weeks, RSO has increased the protective detail to 24/7, supplementing the bodyguards (BG) with local guard force (LGF) members who have been cross-trained as BGs. Midnight residence watch will consist of three LGF/BGs, also armed with 9 mm Glocks and SMGs. One of the regular BGs will act as the Midnight AIC. The LGF Midnight Shift Leader and the Mobile Patrol will check the residence at least three times

per night. RSO staff reviewed safehaven security procedures and the alarm system with Mrs. Gregorian, who was also provided with another panic button. RSO requested and received additional local police support. For at least the next two weeks, the static police post will now be manned by three officers 24/7. RSO is reviewing the need for a protective detail for Mrs. Gregorian - report pending. RSO will request local police lead vehicle if/when Gregorian travels outside of Sarajevo. EAC concurred with these measures.

¶5. (S/NF) The EAC then discussed the current security environment, and determined that at this time, the threat is specific against Raffi Gregorian. No Emergency Action Plan (EAP) trip wires for Civil Unrest have been crossed and no warden message is needed. EAC members will continue to review EAP tripwires, and will meet again in two weeks, or sooner if needed, as this threat unfolds.

¶6. (C) The threat against PDHR Gregorian comes amid long-standing animosity toward Gregorian from the Republika Srpska (RS) government and RS PM Milorad Dodik. Dodik since summer 2008 has engaged in an extensive media campaign against Gregorian designed to discredit, and even vilify, him. He has accused Gregorian of launching a campaign to oust Dodik by ordering the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA) to probe several RS projects for traces of corruption (ref A), and -- in so doing -- of "placing himself at the forefront of foreigners who are against the RS." The RS government on November 27 then filed a "criminal complaint" against Gregorian and eight other individuals in connection with the State Prosecutor's investigation of this alleged corruption, accusing them of forming a criminal conspiracy working to "damage" the RS government and jeopardize the reputation of the RS as a stable community (ref B). The environment this campaign has created has the potential to transform threats, however empty in themselves, into dangerous actions. Unfortunately, the decision to publish the threat on the front page -- above the fold -- of Bosnia's most widely-circulated daily had the effect of amplifying the letter and publicly proclaiming a bounty on PDHR Gregorian.

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